

## Ranch Riding Scoring

**Scoring will be on a basis of 0-100 with 70 denoting an average performance.**

Scoring guidelines: points will be added or subtracted from the maneuvers on the following basis, ranging from plus 1.5 to minus 1.5: -1.5 extremely poor, -1 very poor, -.5 poor, 0 average, +.5 good, +1 very good, +1.5 excellent. Maneuver scores are to be determined independently of penalty points.

**A contestant shall be penalized each time the following occur:**

One (1) point penalties

- Too slow (per gait)
- Over-bridled (per maneuver)
- Out of frame (per maneuver)
- Break of gait at walk or trot for 2 strides or less

Three (3) point penalties

- Break of gait at walk or trot for more than 2 strides
- Break of gait at lope
- Wrong lead or out of lead
- Draped reins (per maneuver)
- Out of lead or cross-cantering more than two strides when changing leads
- Trotting more than three strides when making a simple lead change
- Severe disturbance of any obstacle.

Five (5) point:

- Blatant disobedience (kick, bite, buck, rear, etc.) for each refusal.

Ten (10) point:

- Unnatural ranch horse appearance (horse's tail is obvious and consistently carried in an unnatural manner in every maneuver).

Placed below horses performing all maneuvers:

- Eliminates maneuver
- Incomplete maneuver SHW419.6 Zero (0) score

Zero (0) score:

- Illegal equipment including hoof black, braided or banded manes, or tail extensions
- Willful abuse
- Major disobedience or schooling
- Lameness;

No specific penalties will be incurred for nicks/hits on logs but deduction may be made in maneuver score.

No specific penalties will be incurred for over/ under spins but deduction may be made in maneuver score.